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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Bob A. Phunkulh

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 11-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: <u>20071217</u> . |
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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to applicant's 10/12/2007 amendment(s)/response(s) in the application of **SIOHAN et al.** for "**METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING AN OFFSET MODULATED BIORTHOGONAL MULTICARRIER**" filed 03/26/2002. The amendment/response to the claims have been entered. Claim 10 has been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-9, 11-21 are now pending.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because numbers and letters are small (difficulties of reading) and are not well defined. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required

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corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: 131₀-131_{n-1}, 132, 14, 152, 153, 154, etc.... Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include sections sub-titles in order.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1, 12, 15, 16, 20, it is not clear what it meant by "a bank of synthesis filters, having 2M parallel branches, $M > 2$, each fed by source data and each comprising an expander of order M" or "a bank of analysis filters, having 2M parallel branches, each comprising a decimator of order M and filtering means" as cited in the claims. Also, what is a branch?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 6, 12, 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *KOBER* et al. (US 6,252,535), hereinafter *KOBER*.

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Regarding claim 1, *KOBER* discloses a method for transmitting a biorthogonal frequency division multiplex/offset modulation (BFDM/OM) biorthogonal multicarrier signal (intended used, therefore no patentable weight given) characterized in that it implements a transmultiplexer structure providing:

a modulation step, by means of a bank of synthesis filters, having M parallel branches, $M > 2$, each fed by source data and each comprising an expander of order M and filtering means (see col. 5 lines 35-49); and

a demodulation step, by means of a bank of analysis filters, having M parallel branches, each comprising a decimator of order M and filtering means, and delivering representative data received from the source data (col. 3 lines 7-12),

the filtering means being derived from a predetermined prototype modulation function.

Regarding claim 2, *KOBER* discloses in that the filtering means of the bank of synthesis filters and/or of the bank of analysis filters are grouped as a polyphase matrix, respectively (see col. 3 lines 7-12; and col. 5 line 62 to col. 6 line 6).

Regarding claim 3, *KOBER* discloses at least one of the polyphase matrices comprises a reverse Fourier transform with $2M$ inputs and $2M$ outputs (a known transform, see col. 5 line 62 to col. 6 line 6).

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Regarding claim 12, *KOBER* discloses a method for modulating a biorthogonal frequency division multiplex/offset modulation ('BFDM/OM) biorthogonal multicarrier signal, characterized in that it implements a bank of synthesis filters having $2M$ parallel branches, $M > 2$, each fed by source data and each comprising an expander of order M and filtering means, the filtering means being derived from a predetermined prototype modulation function (see col. 5 lines 34-49).

Regarding claim 4, *KOBER* it implements a reverse Fourier transform (a known transform) fed by $2M$ branches, themselves fed by the transmitted signal, and each comprising a decimator of order M followed by a filtering module, and feeding $2M$ phase shift multipliers, delivering an estimation of the source data (a known transform, see col. 5 line 62 to col. 6 line 6).

Regarding claim 15, *KOBER* discloses a method for demodulating a biorthogonal frequency division multiplex/offset modulation (BFDM/OM) biorthogonal multicarrier signal characterized in that it implements a bank of analysis filters having $2M$ parallel branches, each comprising an expander of order M and filtering means, and delivering representative data received from source data, the filtering means being derived from a predetermined prototype modulation function (see col. 5 lines 34-49).

Regarding claim 6, *KOBER* it implements a reverse Fourier transform (a known transform) fed by $2M$ branches, themselves fed by the transmitted signal, and each

comprising a decimator of order M followed by a filtering module, and feeding $2M$ phase shift multipliers, delivering an estimation of the source data (a known transform, see col. 5 line 62 to col. 6 line 6).

Regarding claim 16, *KOBER* discloses an apparatus comprising: a modulating device for modulating a biorthogonal frequency division multiplex/offset modulation (BFDM/OM) biorthogonal multicarrier signal, characterized by a bank of synthesis filters having $2M$ parallel branches, $M \geq 2$, each fed by source data and each comprising an expander of order M and filtering means, the filtering means being derived from a predetermined prototype modulation function (see col. 5 lines 34-49).

Regarding claim 17, *KOBER* it implements a reverse Fourier transform (a known transform) fed by $2M$ branches, themselves fed by the transmitted signal, and each comprising a decimator of order M followed by a filtering module, and feeding $2M$ phase shift multipliers, delivering an estimation of the source data (a known transform, see col. 5 line 62 to col. 6 line 6).

Regarding claim 18, *KOBER* discloses a demodulation device for demodulating a BFDM/OM biorthogonal multicarrier signal characterized by: a bank of analysis filters having $2M$ parallel branches, each comprising an expander of order M and filtering means, and delivering representative data received from source data, the filtering

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means being derived from a predetermined prototype modulation function (see col. 5 lines 34-49).

Regarding claim 20, *KOBER* discloses a demodulation device for demodulation a biorthogonal frequency division multiplex/offset modulation (BFDM/OM) biorthogonal multicarrier signal characterized by a bank of analysis filters having 2M parallel branches, each comprising an expander of order M and filtering means, and delivering representative data received from source data, the filtering means being derived from a predetermined prototype modulation function (see col. 5 lines 34-49).

Regarding claims 19, 21, *KOBER* it implements a reverse Fourier transform (a known transform) fed by 2M branches, themselves fed by the transmitted signal, and each comprising a decimator of order M followed by a filtering module, and feeding 2M phase shift multipliers, delivering an estimation of the source data (a known transform, see col. 5 line 62 to col. 6 line 6).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9, 11, 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *KOBER* in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Regarding claims 9, 11 and 14, *KOBER* fails to disclose the signal is an OFDM/OM signal.

AAPA discloses that it is well known in the art that OFDM/OM has the advantage of "operat[ing] without any guard interval and also provid[ing] a wider possibility of choice as regards the prototype function" (e.g., see applicant's specification at page 2, lines 8-18). Thus, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement an OFDM/OM signal in *KOBER* in order to provide the well known advantage of "operat[ing] without any guard interval and also provid[ing] a wider possibility of choice as regards the prototype function" (e.g., see applicant's specification at page 2, lines 8-18).

Claims 8, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *KOBER*.

Regarding claims 8 and 13, *KOBER* fails to disclose the filters are belong to group comprising: one of transverse structure filters, ladder structure filters, or trellis structure filters, Examiner takes official notice that grouping filters one of transverse structure filters, ladder structure filters, or trellis structure filters is well known in the art of filtering for providing efficient filtering means. Thus, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to group the filters in *KOBER* as one of transverse structure filters, ladder structure filters, or trellis structure filters

since such grouping of filters is well known in the art of filtering for providing efficient filtering means.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 7, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4, 6, 8-9, 11-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Bob A. Phunkulh** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-3083**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday from 8:00 A.M.

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to 5:00 P.M. (first week of the bi-week) and Monday-Friday (for second week of the bi-week).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor **Jay Patel**, can be reach on **(571) 272-2988**. The fax phone number for this group is **(571) 273-8300**.

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